

AGENDA ITEM 8

CORPORATE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 11 MARCH 2021

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

Summary

1. From time to time the Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The suggested 2020/21 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2019/20, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.

3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.

4. The Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:

- Commissioning, contracts and commerce and ensuring the corporate commissioning cycle works well
- Transformation
- Finance
- Localism and Communities
- Organisation and employees
- 5. The current Work Programme was agreed by Council on 10 September 2020.

Dates of Future Meetings

- 20 July 2021 at 10am
- 24 September 2021 at 10am
- 8 November 2021 at 2pm

Purpose of the Meeting

- 6. The Panel is asked to:
 - Consider the 2020/21 Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) and agree whether it would like to make any amendments so that the topics listed will be as relevant as possible to the new Panel membership following the County Council elections.
 - Forward the agreed Work Programme to the OSPB on 17 March 2021.
 - Retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

 Appendix 1 – Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2020/21

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director Legal and Governance), the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of Council 10 September 2020
- <u>Agenda and Minutes of OSPB 22 July 2020</u>

All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.